System Safety Assessment Overview

SYSTEM SAFETY ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

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OVERVIEW

– GENERAL SAFETY REGULATIONS

– DESIGN SAFETY

– PRELIMINARY SYSTEM SAFETY ASSESSMENT (PSSA)

– SYSTEM SAFETY ASSESSMENT (SSA)

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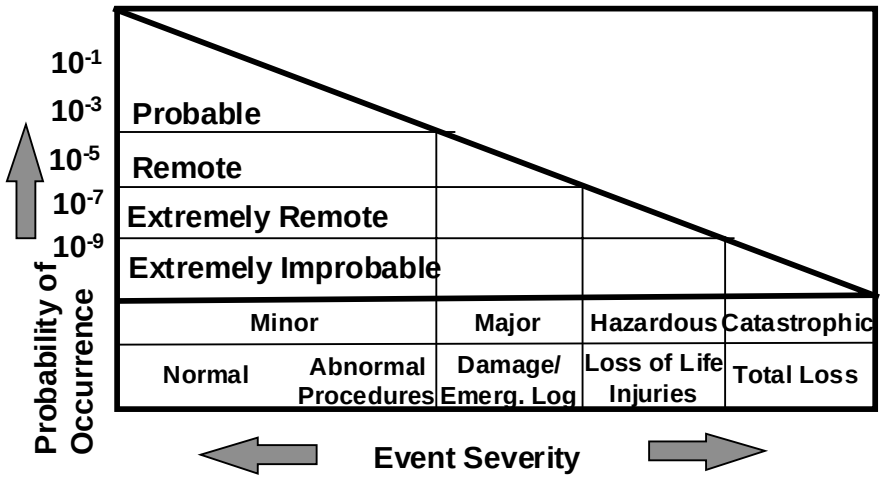
Safety Regulations

- Sections XX.1301 and XX.1309
  - General rules that apply to almost every system
  - System must perform intended function
  - System must perform safely
- PMA (Tests and Computations, General Analysis)
  - Safety Analysis per applicable 14 CFR Part (e.g. Part 23, 25, 27, 29)

Safety Regulations

- Section 23/25/27/29.1309
  - Inverse Relationship Philosophy
  - Necessitates Functional Hazard Analysis
    - Determines depth of further safety analyses
    - Classifies Failure Conditions
    - Starting point for the SSA

Inverse Relationship Approach



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Hazard Severity Classes

- AC 25.1309-1A (1988)
  - 4 classes- Catastrophic, Severe-Major, Major, and Minor
- Since DO-178B and JAA harmonization
  - 5 classes- Catastrophic, Hazardous, Major, Minor and No Effect (Severe-Major became Hazardous and added a No effect category with no quantitative or qualitative probability requirements)

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Hazard Severity Classes (Part 25 Requirements)

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Hazard Severity Classes *(sheet 2 of 5)*

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Part 23 Requirements (AC 25.1309-1C)

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Design Assurance Levels

Failure Condition Classification	System Design Software Assurance Level
Catastrophic	A
Hazardous	B
Major	C
Minor	D
No Effect	E

The design assurance level is based on the most severe failure condition for the application/function

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Design Assurance Levels

- Why ??
  - Avionics systems present opportunities for development error(s)
  - Not practical or possible to develop a finite test suite to determine residual development error(s)
  - Errors can be non-deterministic and are not easily characterized
  - Obtain design approvals for intended function

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Design Assurance Levels

- System Design Assurance Level is further allocated by the Safety Assessment Process based on system architecture
  - Software Levels
    - AC 20-115B/DO-178B
  - Hardware Levels (ASICs/PLDs)
    - DO-254
    - Failure analysis

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DESIGN SAFETY

- System Safety is a legitimate engineering discipline based on proven scientific principles
- System Safety employs a logical thought process that, when done properly, is systematic and comprehensive
- System Safety is an integral part of system engineering and should be approached that way

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Safety Assessment Process

- Good Rational Tool
  - Focus on Fail-Safe
    - No Single Failures
    - Assume Certain Failures
  - Supported by Probability
    - Bad Things Must be Rare
    - Terrible Things Must be Very Rare (Not expected to occur)
  - Emphasis Includes Ways to Make Results Thorough and Complete

Design Safety

- In a very broad sense, system safety is:
  - What can go wrong ?
  - How bad can it potentially get ?
  - How often should it be allowed to occur ?
  - How do I affect the design to match the decision of "how often?"
  - How do I tell if they match yet ?

DESIGN SAFETY

A PROCESS FLOW OF ANALYSES

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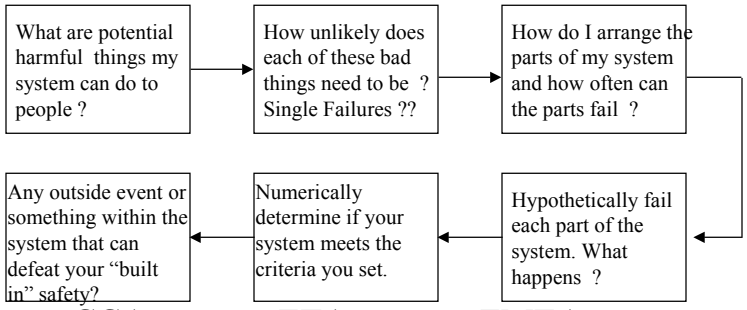

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What must be known to ask "How does it NOT work ?"

- How like is it to previous systems?
- What is it supposed to do ?
- What is it NOT supposed to do ?
- Where will it be installed and/or used ? What is it like there ? How to install it ?
- What other systems does it work with ?
- Who will use it ? How ? Where ? When?
- Who will maintain it and repair it and how ?
- What happens when it breaks ?

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System Safety Analyses

Redundancy Violators:

- Single Point Failures
- Latent Failures
- Too High Probability Combinations of Failures
- Installation Problems

So we need an approach that addresses these types of failures

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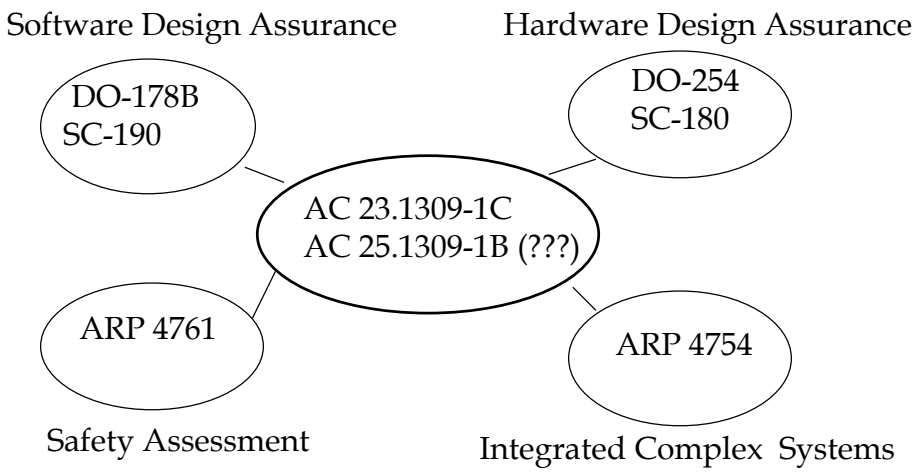
THE BIG PICTURE



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ARP 4754

Certification Considerations for Highly Integrated or Complex Aircraft Systems

- Describes the Aircraft Systems Engineering Process
  - Requirements Capture
  - Allocation of Requirements
  - Architectural Considerations
  - Software Level Determination
  - Integration

ARP 4754 (continued)

- Safety Assessment Process (high level)
  - Functional Hazard Assessment (FHA)
  - Preliminary System Safety Assessment
  - System Safety Assessment
- Requirements Validation
- System Verification

ARP 4761

- Guidelines and Methods of Performing the Safety Assessment Process on Civil Airborne Systems and Equipment
  - Describes in Detail the Process
    - Functional Hazard Assessment (FHA)
    - Preliminary System Safety Assessment (PSSA)
    - System Safety Assessment (SSA)
  - Replaces ARP 926A and ARP 1834 for Purposes of Safety

ARP 4761

- NEWER CONCEPTS
  - More Formal Description of Common Cause Analysis
    - Zonal Safety Analysis
    - Particular Risks Analysis
    - Common Mode Analysis

ARP 4761

- NEWER CONCEPTS
  - Aircraft Level Functional Hazard Assessment
  - Preliminary System Safety Assessment

    Provides a more systematic means of evaluating safety early in the design process and to reduce surprises at the end of the development program.

ARP 4761

- NEWER CONCEPTS
  - Fault Tree Analyses
    - Probability calculations of the failure condition based on a per flight basis
    - Probability per flight hour determined by dividing result by average flight time for the particular model aircraft
    - Exposure time for latent failures is resolved and other cases of monitored failures with imperfect monitors are explained

ARP 4761

- ARP 4761 Represents a Consensus
- Techniques have not been used in their entirety by any one manufacturer
- Gradual Implementation Over Time
- Existing Methods Acceptable If:
  - Intent of the Safety Analysis is Met
    - May Need Additional Analysis Where Needed

SAFETY ASSESSMENT TOOLS

- Functional Hazard Assessment
- Fault Tree Analysis
  (Dependence Diagram/Markov Analysis)
- Failure Modes and Effects Analysis
- Common Cause Analysis

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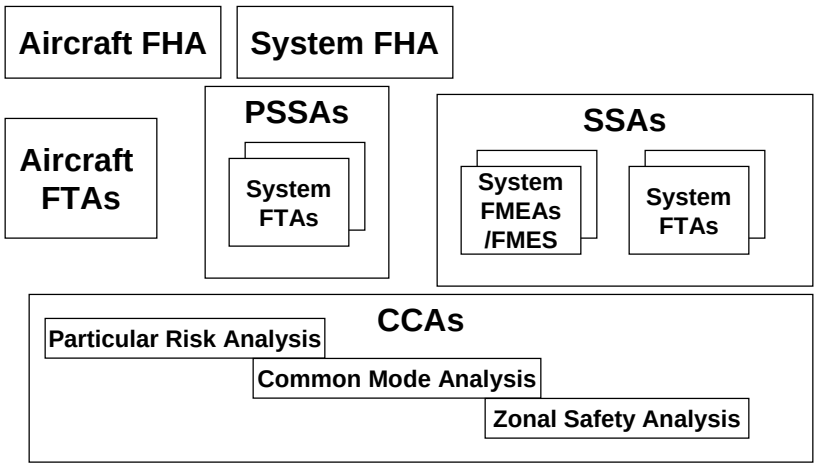
Safety Assessment Process Overview



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PSSA

DEFINITION:

A system evaluation of the proposed architecture(s) and implementation(s) based on the Functional Hazard Assessment (FHA) failure condition classifications to determine safety requirements of the system.

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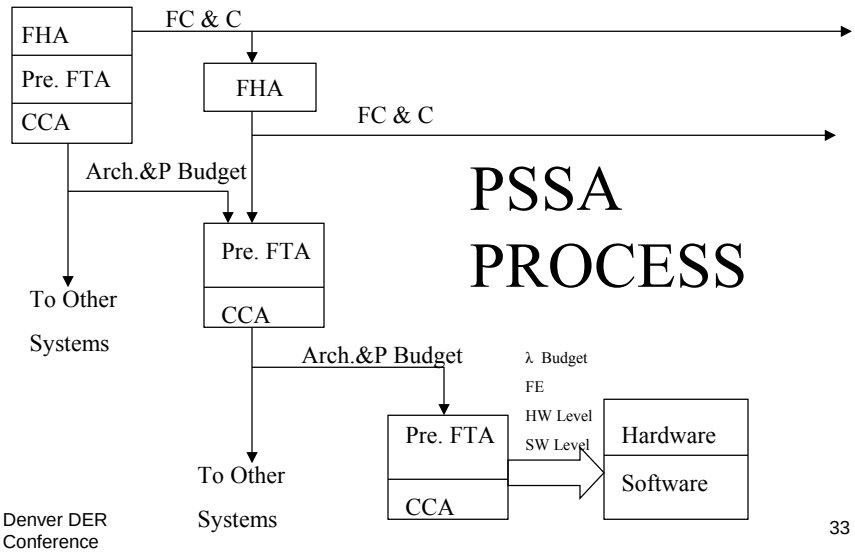

PSSA

The PSSA is:

- Imbedded within the overall development
- An iterative process associated with the design definition
- Conducted at multiple stages including system, sub-system, LRU/LRM, and hardware/software levels

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PSSA

- INPUTS
  - FHA
  - Proposed Architecture
  - System Functional Interfaces

PSSA

- OUTPUTS:
  - Safety Requirements Allocated to Items
  - Installation Requirements (separation, segregation, isolation, etc.)
  - Hardware and Software Design Assurance Levels
  - Safety Maintenance Tasks and Associated Non-exceed Times

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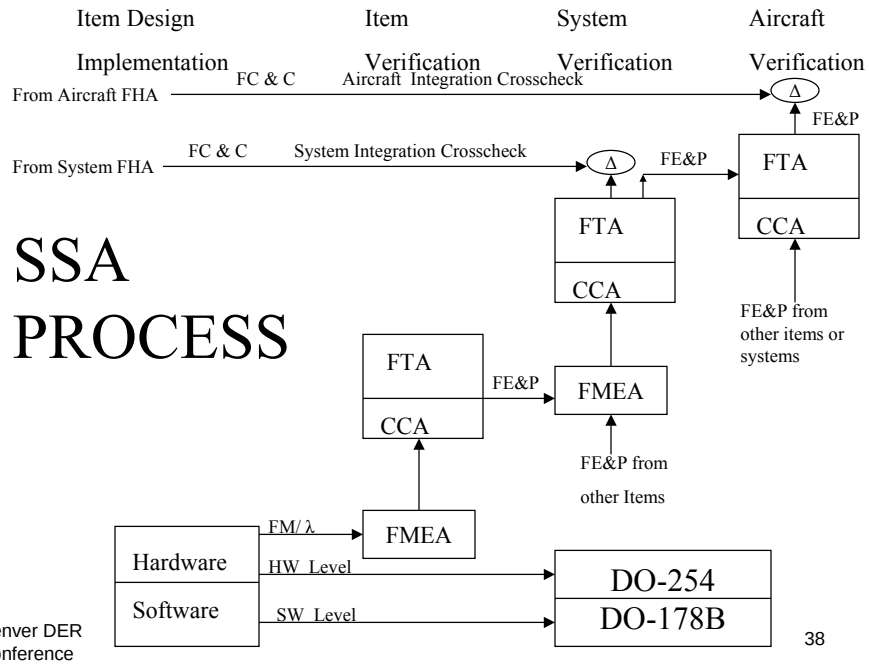
SSA

A System Safety Assessment is a systematic, comprehensive evaluation of the implemented system to be certified to show that the qualitative and quantitative safety requirements as defined in the FHA and PSSA have been met.



SSA

- The SSA is usually based on the PSSA FTA and uses the quantitative values obtained from the FMEA/FMES.
- The SSA should verify that the FMEA effects and the FTA primary events are compatible
- The SSA should also include the Common-Cause Analysis results.

SSA

Documentation:

- List of previously agreed to event probabilities
- System Description
- List of failure conditions and their classifications
- Quantitative and Qualitative analyses for failure conditions

IN REVIEW:

- FAA Regulations
- Design Safety
- ARPs
- PSSA (Allocation of Safety Reqs.)
- SSA (Verification of Safety Reqs.)

System Safety Assessment

Thank You